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DECEMBER, 2008

HARC OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: HOWARD BARNES, KØDFW
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SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL
TREASURER: TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL
TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA
EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!



Next Meeting: Wednesday **DEC 10, 2008 at 7:30 PM**

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo. Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2009 **Hannibal, MO ARC 2009 Exam Dates**

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 8, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 14, 2009 - 8:30 p.m.

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2009 test fee will be \$14.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

MINUTES**By Fred Miller, KBØWIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING****Date:** November 12th, 2008**Location:** Beth Haven Nursing Home 2500 Pleasant St.
Hannibal Mo. 63401**Meeting called to order by:** Howie-KØDFW**Approval of minutes in last newsletter:**

Motion to approve: Ryan-WØRLR

Seconded by: Jack-WD9CHG

Treasurers report: Tony-WØPGL

Cash-\$1,325.61 CD-\$1,259.16 Total-\$2,584.77

Motion to approve: Mark-NØZOF

Seconded by: Ryan-WØRLR

Repeater report: Tony-WØPGL & Fred-KBØWIL

We have taken up a collection to purchase a new Kenwood TKR-750 repeater system, for the 625 repeater. If anyone wishes to donate to the fund, please contact any of the club officers. The Kenwood repeater has arrived at A&W Communications in Eolia, Mo. We will be updating the members, when it is programmed, and we put it in service. The 146.880 machine is working great.

NOTE: THE NEW REPEATER IS NOW ON THE AIR!! LISTEN IN!

The club now has a 440 repeater that was given to the club, from an electrical cooperative in Iowa. Jack-WD9CHG went and picked up the 440 repeater. We now have to decide, on what we will do with it, as far as installing it and putting it in service. All we need, is a piece of ground, a very tall tower, antenna, coax, commercial power, misc connectors and getting it aligned with the Missouri Repeater Coordinator. So, if we get all that lined up, we are good to go...ha ha.

Officer Elections: 2009

We took nominations tonight, and we decided to retain the current officers we currently have in 2008. If anyone does wish to be nominated, we will still take nominations at the next meeting on December 10th. If no one then decides to be nominated then the following will again be the HARC officers for 2009.

President: Howie-KØDFW

Vice President: J.D.-WØAJD

Treasurer: Tony-WØPGL

Secretary: Fred-KBØWIL

HARC Member of the year 2008:

We took nominations tonight for the HARC member of the year, and here are the nominees:

J.D.-WØAJD, Cliff-KØCA, and Jack-WD9CHG. We will take nominees also at the next meeting on December 10th, and then vote. We decided on an amount of \$40.00 maximum, to purchase the plaque/trophy.

Motion to approve: Ryan-WØRLR

Seconded by: Mark-NØZOF

WIARC Ham Classes: 2009

If your interested in taking HAM classes, for Technician, General, and Extra. Please contact Joe-K2PEY at the following telephone munber: 217-222-2754 or e-mail joehu@aol.com. Classes start on January 6th, 2009. The manuals are \$20.00, for each entry level class.

December meeting: Dec. 10th, 2008

The club decided to have a small carry in of snacks, as we have done for the past couple of years. Chips, cookies, sandwiches, etc. Whatever you wish to bring. Please bring your own drinks. The club, will provide the paper plates, napkins, and cups.

HARC Supper on Saturday February 7th, 2009:

The club decided to have our annual supper/get-together again on February 7th, 2009. We will have it again at the Golden Corral, Time 6:00PM. Fred-KBØWIL is in charge of reserving a room for us. Everyone is responsible for payment of there meal. We will be sitting in the non-smoking section.

Note: We will not have a regular scheduled meeting in February, due to our supper/get-together.

HARC Barbeque August 2009:

We voted to have our annual club barbeque on Saturday August 1st, 2009. It will be at Huckleberry Park Pavillion. Fred-KBØWIL will take care of the reservations for the pavillion.

Note: The Quincy hamfest is on Saturday August 8th, 2009, so this wont conflict with that date.

50/50 Won by:

Jack-WD9CHG won the 50/50 and he donated it back to the club, thanks Jack, the club appreciates it.

Number of members present: 15

Number of guests: 4

Total in attendance: 19

Motion to adjourn: Mark-NØZOF

Motion seconded by: Jack-WD9CHG



SILENT KEY – WA6JMR

Larry A. Shannon, 57, of Hannibal, passed away at 10:15 p.m. Friday Nov. 21, 2008, at his home.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK DECEMBER 2008 BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW

Well, we just got thru chowing down on the old turkey bird and I have already had my first official leftover sandwich and Black Friday morning is over with. Man how time flies!! Four weeks and Santa Claus will be knocking at the chimney!! I wonder if I will get a lump of coal like I did last year? Hmmm... I have been a good little boy this year or at least I think I have !? I know J.D. and Oral is going to get lumps of coal! Because there ain't "nothing" good about them two....especially when they get their heads together! I hear thru the grapevine that "Cooney" over in Barry, Illinois has been a good guy, and Santa has him on his "Good Boy List". But as for Carol that would be stretching it abit! If it wasn't for Nancy watching over him he would be in trouble all the time! I been hearing that Cliff, Mel, and Fred, have been good

little boys this year, but as for Tony, back to the lumps of coal !!!! Bonnie told me that Jack, Ryan, Kyle, and Travis, have been good little boys but somehow I have my doubts about this bunch! They seem to have smoke coming out of their radios for some reason. Maybe they have their fingers in the circuit boards to much!

Anyway if you haven't got your antenna work done for the winter I would advise you to get it done because cold weather isn't far away and soon the snow will be flying. That brings another thing to my mind and that is that we are having a meeting December 10 at 7:30 pm at our usual meeting spot. We will have carry in snacks after the meeting and a social hour, no booze allowed. Had you going didn't I? You can bring soft drinks though, or there is water and a ice machine there, but you might want to bring a cup or two and maybe some plates and napkins. We will be having election of officers and we will determine who gets the Amateur of the Year Award for 2008. We will vote on it anyway and decide.

If you haven't noticed we have a new Kenwood repeater on the air on 146.625 and Fred has been adjusting the programming on it to get it set just like we want it. Thanks Fred for all your efforts and trips to the repeater shack. Fred is becoming a "Repeater Guru". I want to take a moment to thank all those that donated their hard earned cash to buy the Kenwood repeater and also a special thank you to Tommy White KA0EJQ of A&W Communications in Eolia, Mo. for letting the radio club buy it at his cost thru his business! That put it in range so that we could buy it! A big thank you for Tommy!!

I want to take a moment to mention the "Silent Key" of WA6JMR, Larry Shannon. Larry was a very active club member and storm chaser. He sent many reports in the net control for the weather service during the summer storms. He was a active shooter and staunch supporter of the Second Amendment rights and a father and husband. Our hearts go out to him and his family during these sad times. ButtttttI will be looking forward to linking up with him again on the other side. I hear it is a glorious place to be! Amen!

Well my old fingers are sore from too much skinning of deer these last 4 weeks and they are starting to cramp so I am going to say " Don't miss the next meeting and come and have a good time and lets see if we can get J.D. To run for president????!!!!!!

Don't forget the reason for this season, and that is the "Birth of our Savior " JESUS CHRIST" Amen!

"MERRY CHRISTMAS from Lori, Colten & I"

73s Howard K0DFW

Around the World



DX & Computer Horizons December 2008 by Cliff Ahrens K0CA

The upcoming holiday season will usher in lots of enjoyable celebrations with family and friends. In addition, the holidays also offer lots of great DX operations by vacationing hams. If you receive this newsletter in time for the CQWW DX CW Contest the weekend after Thanksgiving, November 29-30, that's a great time to work lots of DX stations. And many of them will be on the air for several days after the contest. Other major contests in December include the ARRL 160 meter contest on December 6-7, and the ARRL 10 meter contest December 13-15. Here's some highlights of planned DX operations in December.

8Q Maldives. During the first week of December, look for several operations from 8Q-land, including: 8Q7GC and 8Q7GU by UN7GC and UN7GU (QSL via home calls); 8Q7DV by Willy/RN4WA, Vladimir/UN9LW and Igor/UA9CDC (QSL via UA9CLB); and 8Q7RW by Viktoras LY1A (QSL via home call).

FT5W Crozet. Look for Florentin F4DYW, to be on the air signing FT5WO beginning sometime between December 10 and 15 until the end of November, 2009. QSL via home call.

KC4 Antarctica. Adam, KC4/K2ARB - CE9/K2ARB - VP8DKF plans to operate from Antarctica from December 18 to January 30, 2009. He plans to be on CW, SSB and PSK31 as his work schedule allows. QSL via home call. Adam's blog is at: <http://www.k2arb.blogspot.com>.

KP5 Desecheo Island. A major DXpedition to KP5, organized by world-class operators Bob K4UEE and Glenn W0GJ has finalized the dates of February 12-26, 2009 with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Put this one on your calendars and for more information, check out the group's web site at <http://www.kp5.us>.

E5/N North Cook Islands. Aki, JA1KAJ plans to operate from the North Cook Islands from November 18 through December 9, signing E51QQQ. QSL via home call.

The ARRL web site has an excellent 67-page booklet on amateur radio ethics and operating practices by John Devoldere, ON4UN, and Mark Demeuleneere, ON4WW, which is available for free download at <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/Eth-operating-ENarri-SITE-1jul2008.pdf>. Topics include the amateur radio code of conduct, general operating practices on repeaters and HF, making contacts on phone, CW and other modes, and advanced operating in pileups. There are lots of other interesting sections covering contesting, pileups, DXpeditions, DX Clusters, DX Windows, VHF and higher operating, conflict situations, and frequency police. It's a great read for new and old hams alike.

Thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletin, the Daily DX and the Ohio/Penn DX bulletin for some of the information in this month's column. Best wishes to all for a wonderful Thanksgiving, a blessed Christmas, and a happy, healthy, and peace-filled New Year. 73 and good DX, Cliff K0CA

We are #71 out of a possible #338, as listed on page 74. I think we did a very good job with the score of 4008 points. Being in the top 100 is very good in my opinion. The listings start on page 69. Quincy Club (2A) ended up with a total of 1416 points, and are listed on page 73.

Fred KBØWIL E-:-)

***And we were the 2nd place MO entry in the 3A category! Great finish!**

Cliff, K0CA

Amateur Radio License Class Scheduled for January, 2009

This year's Amateur Radio License Class, sponsored by the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM beginning January 6, 2009. There will be 10 sessions including the official exam which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th. The club is planning two separate classes. The first is the entry level leading to the Technician license and the second is an upgrade class leading to the General or Extra license.

Both classes will be held simultaneously at the consulting engineering firm of **Poepping Stone Bach & Assoc** (PSBA) which is located at 100 S. 54th St. in Quincy about ½ mile south of Home Depot. Note, this is a change in location from prior years. Facilities at PSBA are very good including internet access, white boards, projectors and the possibility of an outside antenna setup for on-air demonstrations.

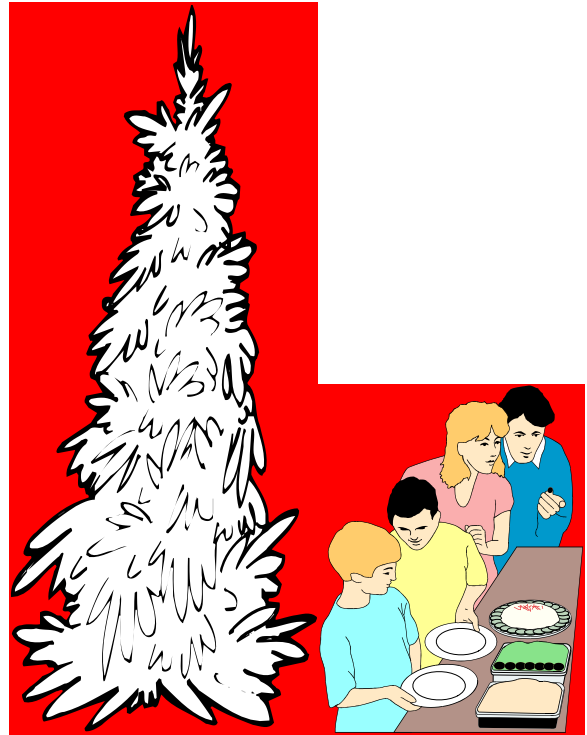
The class leading to the Technician license will consist of lecture and demonstrations as well as Q&A. The text is "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual 1st Edition, 3rd Printing." A copy of this book will be available at the first session or ahead of time at the special price of \$20. Call Joe, K2PEY, at 217-222-2754 or email at joehu@aol.com to reserve a copy.

The class leading to the General or Extra license will be in Q&A format. Using the available high speed internet connection, it will be possible to try sample tests on-line using the instructor's laptop computer. The text for the General License is: "The ARRL General Class License Manual for Ham Radio, 6th Edition." For the Extra License, the text

The HARC (3A) score is listed in the December 2008 issue of QST magazine.

is: "The ARRL Extra Class License Manual for Ham Radio, 9th Edition," valid starting July 1, 2008. The special price for either manual is \$20. Contact Joe, K2PEY, to reserve a copy.

Volunteer instructors for the classes are: Mike, NA9Q; Danny, NG9R; Bill, N9UPG; Bob, AB9DU; Todd, AB9QW; and Joe, K2PEY. We are asking all Hannibal Amateur Radio Club members to mention the course to friends and neighbors. Our best response is always from personal contacts. Further information and publicity fliers can be obtained from: joehu@aol.com



HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST, DEC 2008

1	KBØWIL	FRED
8	KØDFW	HOWARD
15	WØPGL	TONY
22	KB9VIS	BRIAN
29	WØAJD	JD

Thanks to all of you who do this!!

December meeting: Dec. 10th, 2008

Listen Up! As well as some good munchies, we are planning on having our own talented club musicians play us some music at the December meeting. Tony Gilliland and his group have agreed to entertain us, and Kyle and his Dad have also volunteered to entertain us with their musical talents. I can't wait! Be sure to come and join us for a good time with good friends.

Bonnie, WBØWAP

INTERESTING HAM TRIVIA ☺

The reason why an amateur radio operator is called a 'ham' is not known. Some relate these three letters (**HAM**) to the names of three great radio experimenters. They are- **Hertz (who practically demonstrated the existence of electromagnetic waves in 1888), Armstrong (who developed a resonant oscillator circuit for radio frequency work) and Marconi (the 1909 Nobel laureate in Physics, who in the year 1901 established the first transatlantic radio contact).**

Some people believe that when the young and inexperienced radio enthusiasts began to venture on air with crude spark transmitters based

on vehicle ignition coils, their Morse code transmission must have been pretty poor and **professionals dismissed them as 'ham fisted'!**

While others have their own version; according to them during the earlier days of radio communication, government stepped in to conquer short-waves and allowed the radio amateurs to operate only on **certain frequencies**; thus the **frequencies of amateur radio stations were sandwiched like a 'ham sandwich'** and so amateur radio operator came to be called a **'ham'**.

Another speculation is that the word "HAM" stands for **"Help All Mankind"** as reflected in its service towards people in distress during natural calamities, disasters and civil emergencies!

"Ham: a poor operator. A 'plug'."

That's the definition of the word given in **G. M. Dodge's The Telegraph Instructor** even before **radio**. The definition has never changed in wire telegraphy. The first wireless operators were landline telegraphers who left their offices to go to sea or to man the coastal stations. They brought with them their language and much of the tradition of their older profession. In those early days, spark was king and every station occupied the same wavelength--or, more accurately perhaps, every station occupied the whole spectrum with its broad spark signal. Government stations, ships, coastal stations and the increasingly numerous amateur operators all competed for time and signal supremacy in each other's receivers. Many of the amateur stations were very powerful. Two amateurs, working across town, could effectively jam all the other operators in the area. When this happened, frustrated commercial operators would call the ship whose weaker signals had been blotted out by the amateurs and say "SRI OM THOSE #&\$!@ HAMS ARE JAMMING YOU." Amateurs, possibly unfamiliar with the real meaning of the term, picked it up and applied it to themselves in true "Yankee Doodle" fashion and wore it with pride. As the years advanced, the original meaning has completely disappeared.

There is a continuing debate on what the activities carried out by radio amateurs should be called. **Some radio amateurs complain that the terms 'ham radio' is derogatory, and some even object to being called 'amateurs' on the ground that this may be taken to imply 'amateurish'**, but in fact nowadays amateur radio communication system is of more than the professional standard. Today, with most traffic sent by machine telegraphy or data communication, it is observed that there are

fewer professional stations availing these facilities and Morse code heard on the amateur radio bands is of more than the professional standard.

Source:

1. **Wireless-Glimpses of Yesteryears (ZERO BEAT** published by the Society for the Promotion of Amateur Radio, P.O. Box-2437, Kannathanam Chambers, Cochin-682016 August, 1985)-by S. Ramamoorthy, VU2SRJ, formerly Director of Visvesvariah Museum.
2. **ARRL Homepage**



Merry Christmas

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